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Editorial

GENERAL ELECTION

The general election in Virginia will be held November 4th. Voters should not stay away from the polls simply because the outcome of the election in their Democratic district is a foregone conclusion. Every eligible voter should cast a ballot, among other reasons, because if the people of Virginia continue to be such infrequent voters the chances are that a change in election laws of the state will be forced. The percentage of votes cast to total population in Virginia is disgracefully low. The quality of the vote in Virginia is above question, but the quantity is alarming. There should be half a million votes cast in Virginia as we cast less than 200,000!

Appomattox has always been listed among the Virginia counties casting a favorable total vote in proportion to its population. That's a record to be maintained and improved. Without detracting from the credit due the average voter, we nevertheless point out that no inconsiderable portion of the total vote in Appomattox county is attributable to the commendable hard work of our local political leaders in reminding absentee voters to vote by mail, and going after voters on election day. But for the careful and energetic pursuit of this practice, the total vote would be much smaller. However, eligible voters should not have to be reminded to apply for ballots to vote by mail, or "forge" to go to the polls if they are in the county on voting day. If your poll tax is paid, and you anticipate being out of the county November 4, or for other legitimate reason will not be able to vote in person, then apply right now to your registrar for a mail ballot. In these times when many voters are away working on defense jobs or in the army camps, the mail vote is properly a potent factor in polling a large vote.

MR. BUSTARD CHOSEN

We are glad to see the popular and able Fairland Bustard chosen to fill out the term of the late State Senator Carter, of Danville. It is a commendable procedure to elevate able members of the House of delegates to the State Senate when there are vacancies in the upper body.

Mr. Bustard was one of the most active and influencial members of the House, and he will serve equally well in the Senate.

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EYE CLINIC

The results of the recent eye clinic held here should be studied, not solely to see that glasses are supplied to children needing them, but to find ways and means of curing the problem in relation to the general health of the child. Clinics are a admirable way of getting at the problem; not only eye clinics, but clinics for teeth, hearing, chest, and throat. All too many children are handicapped in life by undetected diets, inadequate clothing, and lack of proper exercise and recreation. Virginia has fewer more pressing problems than that of public health. We have spent millions on roads and public building, more millions on protection of property, but not enough on health.

MORE ACCIDENTS

It seems to us that the number of automobile accidents in Virginia is increasing at an alarming rate. Perhaps the volume of traffic has jumped to new high, and is partly responsible. Or, perhaps there is overconfidence in the super all-steel bodies of the modern cars. . . we see so many cars wrecked, but in which occupants received only minor injuries. But again, perhaps the few severe penalties meted out to drivers of cars in accidents. A jail term for murders is a rare thing. You can pull out of line and pass another car going over a hill or around a curve, and if you are caught, you can always think up a good excuse, such as being blinded by headlights, or perhaps pay a small fine. We really feel that more severe punishment for traffic law violators would help. And, we'd like for someone to make a study of the number of suspended jail sentences in Virginia. When an appeal to common sense and highway courtesy fails, then the appeal must be lowered to fear of severe punishment. The State Highway Patrol is doing a wonderful job, and we have nothing but praise for the men of the force. But, the time has come for something drastic to be done to make our highways safer.

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Lesson for October 26

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CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY RE-GARDING BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

LESSON TEXT—Deuteronomy 8:32, 33; 11:26-28; Isaiah 28:1-8; Habakkuk 2:15.

GOLDEN TEXT—Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.—Proverbs 14:34.

Legal approval of the sale of alcoholic beverages has largely taken the matter out of the hands of the home and the church and has made liquor a civic problem. That, of course, does not provide us with a convenient excuse for evading our personal responsibility, for the nation is made up of you and me, of your home and mine, of your church and mine. We must share the nation's responsibility gladly and accept it if we are to be worthy of our citizenship. Especially is that true of the Christian, for he sees the spiritual and moral implications of the matter, and he also knows what to do about it.

I. "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation; but Sin Is a Reproach to Any People" (Deut. 5:32-33; 11:26-28).

That may sound a bit old-fashioned and it may appear that men have abrogated that principle, but if we wait a bit we shall see that it still works.

1. Righteousness Brings Blessing (Deut. 5:32, 33; 11:26, 27). In this callous and indifferent generation we need to repeat with emphasis the fact that there is laid down in the very constitution of the universe a moral distinction between right and wrong. Right is always right and wrong is always wrong.

The book of Deuteronomy presents the fundamental laws of God. In this fifth chapter there is a review of many of these laws and a practical appeal for obedience. It is pointed out that the way of liberty is the walk of life is to turn neither to the extreme of legal bondage nor to the opposite extreme of human license, but to "walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you." Walking in His ways brings all the blessings of Deuteronomy 5:33, a promise which is repeated in 11:27.

2. Unrighteousness Brings Judgment (Deut. 11:28). Turning aside from God's ways must bring upon man His curse. It is no light matter to be under God's disapproval. We who know how much the approval or disapproval of frail human beings around us may mean, should consider what it means in the life of a man (or of a nation) to have the eternal, omnipresent and omnipotent God against him.

Then what about a people which countenances the manufacture and the sale of intoxicants, which they well know bring about wickedness and vice which can only call for the judgment of God. Many believe that the great war in which the world is embroiled is simply God's judgment upon the nations (including England and America) because they have turned aside from His holy ways. That means that the most effective way to stop the conflict is national penitence and prayer. Why not believe and practice II Chronicles 7:14?

II. Civic Greatness Cannot Be Built on Sin and Oppression (Isa. 28:1-6; Hab. 2:12).

Yes, that sounds old-fashioned too! The theory of today seems to be that the road to greatness is by way of disregard of God's laws, and by the application of the nailed fist of cruel conquest. But let us remember that others have tried the same violation of God's law, and let us recall what happened to them. Did you ever hear of Napoleon?—of Alexander the Great?—of the "glory that was Greece"?—and the world conquering power of ancient Rome? Modern military leaders could well afford to spend less time on their books of strategy and their war maps and more time reading the Bible and the pages of history.

1. Drunkenness and National Decay Go Together (Isa. 28:1-6). The leaders of Israel (Ephraim) lingered long over their wine bowls as they spoke with pride of their nation, and especially of Samaria, its crown. It was a city beautifully situated on a hillside surrounded by a fertile terraced hillside.

Does not that all have a vaguely familiar sound? A great nation of our day which now lies in bondage to its neighbor dictator not long ago spoke with pride of its attainments and its security, while (according to the testimony of its own leaders) the use of intoxicants went on apace, even in the army.

2. Permanent Power Cannot Be Built on Oppression (Hab. 2:12). Here again history reveals the correctness of Scripture. Many a nation has sought to find its "place in the sun" by building with the blood of its vanquished enemies. It has never worked, and it will fail now just as it has in the past.

What about the city, state, or nation that attempts to promote its own growth out of the taxes on liquor and its sale?

Vera News

Vera, Oct. 22.- Russell Chernault and Henry Chernault were home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris at Chestnut Grove.

Miss Irene Garrett, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents.

Mrs. Maude Abbitt and Walter Robertson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Miss Thelma Covington, of Roanoke is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. W. J. Covington.

Mrs. Addie Jenkins is spending the week with her son in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Covington, and Allie spent the week-end in Roanoke visiting friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Garrett a girl, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Garrett and baby, Mrs. T. P. Robertson, Mrs. Fletcher Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett and children visited Mrs. Alfred Garrett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Covington, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman.

Miss Daisy Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robertson and children spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Some Pumpkin

PETER RABBIT CALLS BUSTER BEAR A COWARD

"Fraidy! Fraidy! You don't dare! You're a coward, Buster Bear!"

NOW you wouldn't suppose that anyone would dare to say such a thing to Buster Bear, would you? Anyway, you wouldn't suppose that anyone who couldn't fly would dare to say such a thing, and right to Buster's face at that. You know it is a pretty serious thing to call anybody a coward. Paddy the Beaver, floating lazily in his pond deep

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in the Green Forest, could hardly believe his ears. And then, when he saw who it was who dared to call Buster Bear a coward, Paddy just gaped foolishly with surprise and a little wavelet washed down his throat and made him choke and almost strangle.

"Well, I never!" exclaimed Paddy, when he could get his breath. "What is this world coming to?" Then he laughed until he came very near to choking again. "To think," he gasped, "to think of anyone like Peter Rabbit, afraid of his own shadow, daring to call Buster Bear a coward!"

But it was true, as Paddy could see and hear for himself. Peter was dancing about in front of Buster Bear and shouting that little rhyme in the sauciest way. And Buster Bear was growing angrier every minute. No one likes to be called a coward, not even when they are very weak and small, and have reason to be afraid. And when one is as big and strong as Buster Bear nothing can be worse than to be called a coward.

"I'm not a coward," growled Buster Bear in his deepest grumbly-rumbly voice. "When I catch you, Peter Rabbit, I'll teach you to show more respect to your betters."

"When you catch me it will be a cold, cold day," retorted Peter, nimbly jumping out of the way as Buster rushed at him. "You ARE a coward, a great, big coward, and you know it. You're afraid of Farmer Brown's Boy, and you're afraid of that hunter who has been making so much trouble for the rest of us in the Green Forest and on the Green Meadows, and you know it.

"Fraidy! Fraidy! You don't dare! You're a coward, Buster Bear!"

Peter nimbly dodged into a great hollow log, and while Buster worked himself into a great rage as he tried to tear the log open with his great claws Peter slipped out at the other end unseen and hid behind a big stump where he could peep and see what Buster was doing. He chuckled to himself as he watched Buster rip and tear the old log. Once he shivered at the thought of what those great claws would do to him if they ever got hold of him. But he didn't intend that they ever should.

By and by Buster paused to get his breath. "No one but a coward would waste his time trying to catch a little fellow like me," said Peter.

Buster Bear whirled and his face was all wrinkled with anger so that he showed all his great white teeth. He was just plain mad. He had lost his temper completely. He was just the maddest Bear ever was. It was worse to have that same little upstart fool him in this way. Buster just couldn't contain himself. He fairly roared with rage.

Now nothing is so foolish as to give way to rage. Peter didn't have any trouble at all in keeping out of Buster's reach because Buster was so mad that he didn't stop to think, and just rushed this way and that way blindly.

"You know you are a coward," taunted Peter. "If you weren't a coward you would drive that hunter out of the Green Forest. He will be sure to come hunting in the Green Forest soon and you'll have a chance to prove that you're not what I say you are—a coward. Good night, Buster Bear. I hope you'll have pleasant dreams."

With that, Peter Rabbit started back home as fast as he could go, lippety-lippety-lip. Getting Buster angry was all a part of a plan Peter had thought out.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

New British Plane Powerful Fighter

Carries Four Cannons and Six Machine Guns.

LONDON.—Details of the armament, performance and equipment of Britain's Beau fighters have just been released. It is a large machine—with a range of 1,500 miles—and it has four cannons and six machine guns to make it the most powerful armed fighting plane in the world.

The Beaus have been in use here against German night raiders and also in the Middle East for daylight operations, yet nothing has been said until now as to what makes these planes the pride of the royal air force. Just about all that was known about them appeared in communiques where it was most often reported that opposing Nazi aircraft had been blown to bits in mid-air after a couple of bursts of fire.

The Beau fighter is all all-metal, its weight is 21,000 pounds loaded while the nominal top speed is 330 miles an hour at 14,000 feet.

The cannons are 20-millimeter Hispano-Suiza guns and the machine guns are Brownings. Doubt was expressed at first whether or not such a weight of armament could be carried by a fighter without sacrifice of maneuverers, for he sees the Beau fighters gave a demonstration at a factory airport to show that they could take off on a short run, climb fast and carry out aerobatics, including dives, slow rolls and tight turns.

The Beau fighters possess unusually complete equipment. They have navigation, identification and detonation flying lamps; landing flares, oxygen apparatus, a motion-picture camera mounting, fire extinguishers, first aid outfits and an axe. Emergency rations are stowed aboard.

New Fabrics Free Army, Navy From Need of Silk

WASHINGTON. — The army, threatened with a shortage of silk for artillery powder bags, reported that it had developed a cotton substitute acceptable for most purposes.

At the same time, the navy disclosed that it had developed a synthetic silk substitute, details of which were withheld, and also had laid in its own stockpile of silk for use in its powder bags and parachutes.

Fabric bags are used in guns to hold the powder charge. Unless the material burns out completely with the discharge of the gun, a smoldering fragment of cloth in the breech may result in premature explosion of the next charge.

The synthetic fiber developed by the navy fills this requirement and may be used also in parachute manufacture, it was said. Even before the Office of Production Management forbade silk processing by mills throughout the country to conserve the supply for military use, the navy reported it had enough silk on hand for current needs, and was prepared to turn out the synthetic whenever need might arise.

The recent government order "freezing" silk supplies for army and navy use assures enough raw silk to supply military needs for two years, it was estimated.

Red River Dam Dooms Three Small Communities

OKLAHOMA CITY. — The residents of three small towns face the Red river in southern Oklahoma and northern Texas soon will have to move when waters from the $54,000,000 Red river dam reservoir flood the area.

Curtis P. Harris, federal land attorney, is preparing to file condemnation suits to obtain land on which the towns are located.

The towns are Woodville and Aylesworth in extreme southern Oklahoma and Hagerman in northern Texas.

The total population of the three towns is fewer than 1,400.

Not only will all of the houses be moved or dismantled but cemeteries as well will be moved.

War-Time Duties Makes British Soldier Blush

LONDON.—A British soldier who blushed so much that his red face looked sunburned has lost his job and he's glad.

His job was to hand out to newly joined members of the Auxiliary Transport Service their army kit—just the maddest Bear ever was. It coats, skirts, stockings and the rest intimate articles of woman's clothing.

He has now been replaced by a woman, who is more likely to understand the whims and fancies of women so far as clothes are concerned, but his greatest relief is that he be spared blushes when young A. T. S. members criticize their clothing.

Wedding Finally Seals 50-Year-Old Romance

KNOTT END, ENGLAND.—Edward Smithson was in love with Marion Holmes. They were going to get married. But they quarrelled. Just a lover's quarrel, but they took a long time making it up—50 years, in fact.

They were recently married at the Methodist church at Knott End. He is now 76, she 73.

Stonewall Personals

...hall, Oct. 21.- The Woman's ...of Christian Service of the ...hurch met with Mrs. O. R. ...Tuesday afternoon.

...and Mrs. Stuart Barrell, of ...and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. ...of Emporia, spent the week-...their father, J. O. Davidson ...

...and Mrs. Eugene Carson, of ...Mount visited his mother, ...C. Carson last week.

...Harding, of Lynchburg, ...day at his home here.

...ana Lee spent last week ...relatives at Appomattox.

...s. R. Turnes attended the ...annual Virginia Confer-...Lynchburg.

...Jennie Dresom, of Roanoke, ...s. B. L. Wheeler this ...

...C. Brown, of Lynchburg ...and Mrs. T. H. Burge, of ...visited Mrs. E. C. Jon-...

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Oakville Items By Reporter

Oakville, Oct. 21.- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lucado and children spent Saturday night with Mrs. Lucado's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamlton, near Gladstone. Sunday they visited Mrs. Robert Glover, of Buffalo Springs, who is Mrs. Lucado's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Marsh visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith's baby daughter is quite sick with whooping cough.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Irving and children, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkerson and daughter, 'Margaret, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Adams and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson.

Mrs. Carson, who has been living in Baltimore, Md., for some time, has moved here to live with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Adams.

Mrs. Tom Page has returned home after spending several weeks in the home of her son , George Page.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roop spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hatcher and daughter, Margaretta were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs Sunday.

Liberty Chapel News Events

Liberty Chapel, Oct. 21.- Mrs. Emily Chernault is visiting in the home of Mrs. L. J. Hatcher this week.

Mrs. Robert Emmert and little son, of Newport News, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gunter.

Hiram O'Brien, of Richmond, visited friends in this county for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thornhill, of Cleveland, Ohio, who have been visiting relatives in this community, left for their home Saturday.

Miss Christine Garrett, of Courtland, spent the week-end with her home people here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Garrette, of Concord, Miss Alfra Garrette and Marshall Garrette, of Saunton, visited their mother Sun ay.

Mrs. Vinston Thornhill and daughter, Ida Lee, of Newport News, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Thornhill.

Miss Elimbeth Megginson, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. K. Megginson.

Misses Julia Williamson and Maizie Smith, of V. E. D. T., Saunton spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Mollie S. Garrette, as guests of Miss Alfra Garrette.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hatcher and son, Harold and Mrs. Emily Chernault were dinner guests at McLeod Farm Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hammersley, of Gladstone, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs Monday.

The Y. W. A's of the Hebron Baptist church met with Miss Verna Harding Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. M. Stratton and daughter, Miss Faye Stratton, motored to Chapel Hill, N. C., and attended a football game last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Cox, of Blacksburg visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings last week.

Mrs. G. P. Jennings visited her sister, Miss Agnes Christian, in Richmond, Sunday.

Red Cross Letter News

Chap, Oct. 20.- Rev. C. A. Collins preached a splendid sermon at Central church Sunday night, to quite a large congregation.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. Hop Ferguson gathered at his home Sunday, October 19, and celebrated his 85th birthday. Those present were: Floyd Ferguson and family, Peyton Harvey and family, Frank Fleshman and wife, Leonard Cawthorn and wife, Edd Ferguson, and wife, Mrs. S. H. Fore, and Mrs. Eugene Wood. All enjoyed a splendid dinner, and wished Mr. Ferguson many more birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burge visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge and family at Staples on Sunday.

Services were held at Red Oak church Sunday. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Irving, preached a splendid sermon, with a very good attendance.

Mrs. Wilson, from Pamplin, visited her sister, Mrs. Jesse Harvey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Daye, and daughter, Rachel Lee, of Tioga, visited Mrs. Daye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bass last week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ayers visited Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Harris Sunday.

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South Rocks Correspondence

South Rocks, Oct. 22.- Mrs. W. B. Ranson, who has been visiting her husband in St. Paul for two weeks, has returned home. She was accompanied home by W. B. Ranson for the week-end.

W. B. Ranson, who has been with the state survey department, has accepted a promotion, as construction clerk. He will be located at Clintwood, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ranson visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. T. E. Harris, of Pamplin, Sunday.

Mrs. Percy Carter, Mrs. Walter Ranson and Mrs. Sherman Garlington attended the marriage of Miss Mae Farmer and Mr. Bob Harvey at Evergreen Saturday.

Mrs. Jessi Anderson, or Piney River spent several days with her father, Goodman Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Almond and daughter, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Goodman Ranson Sunday afternoon.

Local circuit court was in session Tuesday and Wednesday.

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